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1. At the beginning of 1955 the Polish Communist Party trained a number of trusted activists and in mid-May 1955 they were used in an investigation of employment records<sup>1</sup>. Special attention was directed to the extent to which employees have been engaged without application to or approval by the state employment agencies.
2. The investigations revealed shocking instances of corruption, bribery, the molestation of female employees, and other abuses. The directors of state firms have generally been found to be witting accomplices in these practices. The investigations were impeded by the practice of issuing secret discharge papers which bound the interested parties to silence.
3. In the middle of 1955 a general purge from the Party of members guilty of the above-mentioned practices is intended. The abolition of secret discharge papers is being considered.
4. On 1 April 1955 office workers throughout Poland were discharged in large numbers. The employment agencies however, listed vacancies only in industry and agriculture.

1. Comment:  it is assumed an investigation of employee records in every branch of endeavor, including Party offices, was conducted.

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